

Ose	Sanchez	Tauzin
Otter	Sanders	Taylor (MS)
Owens	Sandlin	Taylor (NC)
Oxley	Sawyer	Terry
Pallone	Saxton	Thomas
Pascarell	Schaffer	Thompson (CA)
Pastor	Schakowsky	Thompson (MS)
Payne	Schiff	Thornberry
Pelosi	Schrock	Thune
Pence	Scott	Thurman
Peterson (MN)	Sensenbrenner	Tiahrt
Peterson (PA)	Serrano	Tiberi
Petri	Sessions	Tierney
Phelps	Shadegg	Toomey
Pickering	Shaw	Towns
Pitts	Shays	Turner
Platts	Sherman	Udall (CO)
Pombo	Sherwood	Udall (NM)
Pomeroy	Shinkus	Upton
Portman	Shows	Velazquez
Price (NC)	Shuster	Visclosky
Putnam	Simmons	Vitter
Quinn	Simpson	Walden
Radanovich	Skeen	Walsh
Rahall	Skelton	Wamp
Ramstad	Slaughter	Waters
Rangel	Smith (MI)	Watkins (OK)
Regula	Smith (NJ)	Watson (CA)
Rehberg	Smith (TX)	Watt (NC)
Reyes	Smith (WA)	Watts (OK)
Reynolds	Snyder	Waxman
Riley	Solis	Weiner
Rivers	Souder	Weldon (FL)
Rodriguez	Spratt	Weldon (PA)
Roemer	Stark	Weller
Rogers (KY)	Stearns	Wexler
Rogers (MI)	Stenholm	Whitfield
Ros-Lehtinen	Strickland	Wicker
Ross	Stump	Wilson (NM)
Rothman	Stupak	Wilson (SC)
Roukema	Sullivan	Wolf
Roybal-Allard	Sununu	Woolsey
Royce	Sweeney	Wu
Rush	Tancredo	Wynn
Ryun (KS)	Tanner	Young (AK)
Sabo	Tauscher	Young (FL)

NAYS—3

Flake	Paul	Rohrabacher
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NOT VOTING—7

Blagojevich	Levin	Traficant
Fattah	Pryce (OH)	
Gordon	Ryan (WI)	

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Mr. FLAKE and Mr. PAUL changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the motion to instruct was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3694

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 3694.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, Democratic Leader:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 10, 2002.

The SPEAKER,
House of Representatives,
Washington, District of Columbia.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I designate the following Members to be available for service in

accordance with the provisions of Clause 5(a)(4)(A) of Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

Mr. Lewis of Georgia.
Ms. Meek of Florida.
Mr. Tanner of Tennessee.

Sincerely,

RICHARD A. GEPHARDT,
Democratic Leader.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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ENTANGLING ALLIANCES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, we were warned, and in the earlier years of our Republic, we heeded that warning. Today, though, we are entangled in everyone's affairs throughout the world and we are less safe as a result. The current Middle East crisis is one that we helped create, and it is typical of how foreign intervention fails to serve our interests. Now we find ourselves smack-dab in the middle of a fight that will not soon end. No matter what the outcome, we lose.

By trying to support both sides we, in the end, will alienate both sides. We are forced, by domestic politics here at home, to support Israel at all costs, with billions of dollars of aid, sophisticated weapons, and a guarantee that America will do whatever is necessary for Israel's security.

Political pressure compels us to support Israel, but it is oil that prompts us to guarantee security for the western puppet governments of the oil-rich Arab nations. Since the Israeli-Arab fight will not soon be resolved, our policy of involving ourselves in a conflict unrelated to our security guarantees that we will suffer the consequences. What a choice. We must choose between the character of Arafat versus that of Sharon.

The information the average American gets from the major media outlets, with their obvious bias, only makes the problem worse. Who would ever guess that the side that loses seven people to every one on the other side is portrayed as a sole aggressor and condemned as terrorists? We should remember that the Palestinian deaths are seen by most Arabs as being American-inspired, since our weapons are being used against them and they

are the ones whose land has been continuously taken from them. Yet there are still some in this country who cannot understand why many in the Arab Muslim world hate America.

Is it any wonder that the grass-roots people in the Arab nations, even in Kuwait, threaten their own government that is totally dominated by American power and money?

The arguments against foreign intervention are many. The chaos in the current Middle East crisis should be evidence enough for all Americans to reconsider our extensive role overseas and reaffirm the foreign policy of our early leaders, a policy that kept us out of the affairs of others.

But here we are in the middle of a war that has no end and serves only to divide us here at home, while the unbalanced slaughter continues with tanks and aircraft, tearing up a country that does not even have an army. It is amazing that the clamor for support for Israel here at home comes from men of deep religious conviction in the Christian faith, who are convinced they are doing the Lord's work. That, quite frankly, is difficult for me as a Christian to comprehend.

And, we need to remember the young people who will be on the front lines when the big war starts, which is something so many in this body seems intent on provoking.

Ironically, the biggest frustration in Washington, for those who eagerly resort to war to resolve differences, is that the violence in the Middle East has delayed plans for starting another war against Iraq. Current policy prompts our government on one day to give the go-ahead to Sharon to do what he needs to do to combat terrorism, a term that now has little meaning. On the next day, however, our government tells him to quit, for fear that we may overly aggravate our oil pals in the Arab nations and jeopardize our oil supplies. This is an impossible policy that will inevitably lead to chaos.

Foreign interventionism is bad for America. Special interests control our policies, while true national security is ignored. Real defense needs, the defense of our borders, are ignored and the financial interests of corporations, bankers, and the military-industrial complex gain control, and the American people lose. It is costly, to say to least. Already, our military budget has sapped domestic spending and caused the deficit to explode. But the greatest danger is that one of these days, these contained conflicts will get out of control.

Certainly, the stage is set for that to happen in the Middle East and in south central Asia. A world war is a possibility that should not be ignored. Our policy of subsidizing both sides is ludicrous. We support Arabs and Jews, Pakistanis and Indians, Chinese and Russians. We have troops in 140 countries around the world just looking for trouble. Our policies have led us to support the al Qaeda in Kosovo and bomb